

RECEIVED BY EMAIL

RECEIVED
VERNON TOWN CLERK

15 AUG 19 PM 12:45

Town of Vernon
Vernon Traffic Authority
Thursday, August 13, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Community Room
Vernon Police Department
725 Hartford Turnpike
Vernon, CT 06066

DRAFT MINUTES

The Meeting of the Vernon Traffic Authority was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chief James Kenny. Also in attendance were Charles Bettinger, Jon-Paul Roden, Robert O'Gara, and Mason Thrall. Robert Kleinhans joined the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting on April 16, 2015.
Mr. Bettinger made a motion seconded by Mr. Roden to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2015, Special Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #2 requested to be placed at the end of the meeting in order for all parties to be present.

3. Request for stop sign on Brent Drive at Diane Drive.
Chief Kenny received correspondence from Dominic Rinaldi, resident of Vernon since 1974, requesting a stop sign on Brent Drive. The letter noted a day care and several families with children throughout the neighborhood. Chief Kenny visited the area and noticed significant overgrowth at the southwest corner of the intersection that he believes creates significant sight line issues. There is no history of accidents. He recommends placing a stop sign. *Chief Kenny made a motion seconded by Mr. O'Hara to approve request for stop sign at intersection of Diane Drive. Motion passed unanimously.*
4. Request for stop sign on Oak Street at Talcott Avenue.
Chief Kenny visited the area and found no significant sight line issue, it is a hill intersection, there are significant cars parked on Talcott Ave. Discussion took place regarding T intersections, over signage in the town, researching public works to see if there was a sign in the past, winter weather and stopping on a hill, no accident history at location. *Mr. Bettinger made a motion seconded by Mr. Mason to disapprove the request for stop sign on Oak Street at Talcott Avenue. Motion passed unanimously.*

Return to Agenda Item #2

2. Approval of Proposed Gas Station – Hartford Turnpike and Dobson Road.
Attorney Len Jacobs presented the request for approval of proposed gas station at the old Bennigan's restaurant location. Discussion took place

regarding concrete structure being raised, new building being further from the residential structures, fire marshal has not met for this application, turn radius.

Patrick O'Leary, Vhb Engineer, joined the meeting at 6:12 p.m. and continued the discussion regarding the proposed site, full circulation around pumps, drive aisles, pedestrian heads, cross walks, traffic stops, raised curbs, curb cut deterrent to left turns, snow shelf, adequate parking and employee parking. Discussion took place regarding traffic on Old Dobson Road and traffic off highway bringing more traffic than anticipated, state trucks generating traffic. It was suggested to add signage at Old Dobson Road indicating no outlet for left-hand turns. There was further discussion regarding the lack of drive thru at Cumberland Farms, store hours, traffic circulation at store, eight-wheeler parking, no parking signage on Rt. 30 and Dobson Road, adequate snow shelf, and no intent of drive-thru. Construction start date anticipated for February 2016.

Mr. Mason made a motion seconded by Mr. Bettinger to approve the proposed Gas Station at Hartford Turnpike and Dobson Road with the stipulations of a raised island at Rt. 30, no outlet for left hand turn on Old Dobson Road, No Parking signs on Dobson Road and Hartford Turnpike/Rt. 30, and approval of DOT signs for Hartford Turnpike. Mr. Kleinhas abstained. Motion passed.

Chief Kenny recapped for Mr. Kleinhas the motions approved at the beginning of the meeting.

5. Adjournment

*Mr. Bettinger made a motion seconded by Mr. Thrall to adjourn at 6:53 p.m.
Motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Hewett
Recording Secretary